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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,783,943
- AB United States Patent No. 5,311,134
- AC United States Patent No. 5,185,576
- AT U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0180441

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AB and AC were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

Reference AA also was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office, together with the German counterpart to Reference AT, during examination of the counterpart German application. Since both of those references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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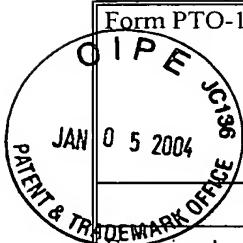
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate
	AA	5,783,943	07/21/98	Mastandrea, Jr. et al.			
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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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